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Dear parents and carers

Remote education is still something that is quite new to children, parents and teachers. Thank you for all your support. We will continue to review and improve the remote education that we offer.

We still do not know exactly when the government will reopen schools for all children. In the meantime, almost 100% of our children are engaging well with their lessons. Since the beginning of term, we have loaned our families over 200 iPads or laptops and provided internet access for 25 families.

Teachers read all the work that children upload and they provide feedback. They are able to assess how well children have understood the main points.

All over the country, schools are providing remote education that is very different from one school to another. Some schools provide only paper packs. Others offer live lessons. Other schools provide pre-recorded lessons.

At Kingsgate, we chose to provide a mixture of the above.

The majority of our parent have told us that they prefer the pre-recorded lessons, but I know that some of you have told us that you would prefer live lessons.

Parents have told us that they like the pre-recorded lessons for the following reasons:

1. Parents like to be able to switch on the lessons at any time that suits your busy schedules. With live lessons, if you can't join at the given time, the lesson is lost
2. Children can return to pre-recorded lessons and listen to them again to revisit the learning
3. Many families have more than one child and do not have much space. Trying to listen to two or three live lessons at the same time is just not practical
4. When teaching is live, any technical issues you have, such as slow internet or your internet goes down, means the lesson is lost
5. Children joining a live lesson late can waste time
6. Young children find it difficult to concentrate over zoom. When the lesson is pre-recorded, children can stop, take breaks, and go back and start again.

I know that all of you are doing your very best to help your children's education at home. It definitely is not easy. Remember that we do not expect you to take the place of a teacher. Do your best to help and encourage your children and let us know when there are problems and we will try to help.

With my warmest wishes

Liz Hayward
Headteacher

